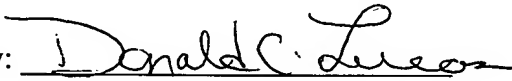


**REMARKS**

The current amendment is submitted to put Claim 16 into idiomatic English, to cancel the second occurrence of claim 17 and to present it as claim 18. Also enclosed is a SB/8a form citing two Japanese references and two English language Abstracts of the same. These references are deemed relevant to the prosecution of this case.

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